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A GREAT RAILWAY SCHEME. TO-DAY'S CABLE NEWS.

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Dangerous New Coal Monopoly. Dismay of the Rebels.

Revival of the Oil Fever. The Grand Attack on Paris.

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An Alliance for the Capture of Dividends—Hope for the Stockholders of Erie—The Meeting of Gould and Vanderbilt on Fleetwood Corner.

Desperate attempts were made yesterday by interviewers and speculators to obtain some clue wherewith to unravel the mystery enveloping the rumored change in the management of Erie. Gould was exceedingly busy and unusually reticent. Fisk himself was a little bit "mump," and the Commodore and his friends displayed little, if it is the opinion of those street quidnuncs whose opinions are worth reporting that a very important change is about to be made in the composition of the Erie Directory. It is argued that the advance in Erie has been too steady to be the result of a mere speculating rumor—the bears could easily have exploded a bubble of that nature, but the hidden forces underneath the present rise are altogether too much for them.

There are some facts which give color to the rumor that negotiations have taken place between the Erie and Central chiefs. First, it is known that Horace F. Clark and Augustus Schell have repeatedly been closeted with Gould and Fisk of late; secondly, it has been ascertained that Vanderbilt's agents bought largely of Erie stock before the present rise; and third, a representative of the Erie witnessed a meeting of Gould and Vanderbilt yesterday afternoon at Fleetwood. These worthies had a long conversation. They may have been talking horse, but it was probably iron-horse. At any rate, they were both too much engrossed with the subject under discussion to pay attention to the racing. Late last evening it was reported in confidential circles of the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the Hoffman House that a tripartite alliance had been formed between Gould, Vanderbilt, and Scott, by the terms of which the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company is to have a monopoly of the anthracite coal trade at all points on the Erie and Central roads, and access to Albany, Vanderbilt, Gould, and Scott to control all the other traffic, thus making a practical consolidation of the three lines. It is further reported that, for certain considerations, three Vanderbilt men will be admitted into the Erie Directory. Notice of registration at the Farmers' Trust of 30,000 new shares, credited last winter, has, according to report, been withdrawn.

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On leaving the cell he said to the Sheriff, "You won't have any prayers or any—no sense, will you?" The Sheriff said, "No." When asked at the scaffold if he had anything to say, he said, "Not anything." His last words, while standing trembling, was, "I can't stand still." At 11:37 the signal was given, and the wretched man was hung.

A Contention was visible, though he deliberately put his hand in his pocket. In 25 minutes the body was taken down.

Murderer Resisted. Fonda, N. Y., May 18.—Eacker, the murderer of the school teacher Thompson, will not be executed until the 26th inst.

The Key West Telegraph Cable. New York, May 18.—A despatch dated at sea May 17, from the Scientific Corps, United States steamship Bibb, in latitude 25 deg. 10 min. 6 sec., longitude 81 deg. 32 min., says the laying of the International ocean telegraph cable from Punta Rosa to Key West (Colonel W. H. Heiss, superintendent) is so far a perfect success.

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Quadrannual Methodist Conference. PITTSBURGH, May 18.—The second quadrannual session of the General Conference of the Methodist non-Episcopal Church commenced here yesterday morning. The Hon. F. H. Pierpont, of West Virginia, was elected permanent President, the first instance in the history of American Methodism where a layman has been chosen to fill this office. Seventy-five delegates were present, and thirty more are expected to-day.

The Charters Valley Railroad is now finished to Washington, Pa., and will be formally opened by an excursion to-day.

The arrest of County Commissioners Neeley and McGee, charged with

Robbery and Extortion, has created great excitement. The commissioners are alleged to have taken bribes from applicants for license to sell liquor for the past two years. The penalty of the offense is fine and imprisonment of five years. The commissioners gave \$5000 bail each.

Young Men's Christian Association. YORK, May 18.—A district convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held here on the 23rd and 24th inst., which promises to be of more than ordinary interest, owing to the large number of delegates from this and other States whom it is expected will stop on their way to the International Convention at Washington. Extensive preparations have been made to entertain all.

The Executive Committee have arranged for the discussion of some of the most important and practical questions of Christian labor. There will be a grand reunion of delegates to the International Convention, after which they will proceed to Washington in a body.

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W. W. Corcoran is comparatively easier than he has been for twenty-four hours previously, but none of the serious symptoms of his case have disappeared, while the process of gradual weakening and wearing of the system is painfully apparent.

The Select Ku-Klux Committee. The Ku-Klux select committee of twenty-one held an adjourned meeting this morning and had an interchange of views on the subject of the investigation, but came to no conclusions.

Government Weather Report. WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, May 18.—A. M.—Synopsis for the past twenty-four hours: The weather continues much the same over the Pacific coast and the Rocky Mountain station. The high pressure which existed Wednesday morning on Lake Superior, has moved southward, and is now over Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The lowest pressure is found in Florida. The temperature has risen on the Gulf and South Atlantic and in the Northwest. The cloudy and threatening weather of Wednesday cleared away during the day, and clear weather now prevails east of the Rocky Mountains, with diminished humidity.

Probabilities. It is probable that the barometer will continue high in the Middle and Eastern States, with clear weather. Warm weather, with increased cloudiness and easterly wind, with falling barometer, will probably be experienced in the Valley of the Mississippi.

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